

United States Senate

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Dear Colleague,

We invite you to discover and explore interactive exhibits, demonstrating new innovations in science, mathematics, and technology education. These exciting, innovative exhibits sponsored by the Office of Science and Technology Policy (OSTP) of the Executive Office of the President will be held in conjunction with Excellence in Science, Technology, and Math Education (ESTME) Week, March 17-21.

ESTME Week focuses awareness on the need to excite all K-12 students, including women and minorities, about the wealth of opportunities for discovery and exploration afforded through mathematics and science education. OSTP together with representatives from The Department of Energy's Office of Science and the Albert Einstein Distinguished Educator Fellows (13 teachers from throughout the country) will host this interactive exhibit demonstrating the vital role of science, technology, and mathematics education.

For more than half a century, every President and each Congress have formally recognized the vital role of science. There has been great value for their investment in the basic research sponsored by the Office of Science at the Department of Energy. Half of the growth in the U.S. economy in the last 50 years was due to scientific and technological innovation largely supported by federal funds. It is impossible to overstate the importance of properly preparing each student at the K-12 level so that they may develop the skills necessary to contribute to the inter-related fields of mathematics, technology, and the sciences.

We encourage you and your staff to come and explore the advances being made in science, technology, and mathematics education! Please contact Anne Pfitzner 224-7203 for further information.

Informative, Interactive Centers
Celebrating Excellence in Science, Technology, and Math Education (ESTME) Week
Monday, March 17, 2003
11-4 pm, SD-106

George Allen

Joseph Lieberman